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PEACE

National support grows for Johnson's End-War plan

"If we cannot settle this conflict where conditions are now so ripe for settlement, we must confess impotency to negotiate peace anywhere. If we wait for unconditional surrender before we start developing peace terms, we better start preparing for 100 years of war."

WITH these words Sen. Edw. Johnson (D-Col.), author of the Senate resolution calling for a Korean cease-fire June 25 (GUARDIAN, May 23), took to the air to urge clubs, churches and unions throughout the nation to do the job the press refused to do: spread the word, get action. As he spoke, active peacemakers everywhere were already on the job. In San Francisco a new Northern California peace committee was born to distribute copies of the resolution; the New Jersey Peace Council began distributing 25,000 leaflets supporting it; the Greater Buffalo Citizens for Peace Committee, demanding that Congress hold open hearings, sent an open letter to residents urging its support.

At an overflow meeting of the new Seattle Emergency Peace Committee, organized by leading religious figures to spread word through the Northwest, Dr. Harold J. Bass, Tacoma Methodist minister and former missionary to Korea, said the U.S could have bought every inch of Korea at $500 an acre for less money than has already been poured into the military adventure. The people of the orient, he added, do not want to be dictated to, but are ready to sit down as equals to work out peace agreements.

Colorado's largest newspaper, the Denver **Post**, called Johnson a defeatist, isolationist, appeaser. Said Johnson:

> **"Support from the Colorado people has been tremendous, which proves that while they read the Denver Post they do their own thinking."**

WHAT EVERYONE WANTS: News of the peace resolution was spread through the pulpit: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver told his Cleveland congregation it "should have been introduced 11 months ago" and should be supported. Peace invaded a meeting of the Democratic National Committee, when a Denver Peace Council delegation urged party leaders to call on the entire U.S. Senate to back the Johnson plan.

Union members were following last week's lead set by the officers of Ford Local 600 in endorsing the plan. Local 65, CIO United Shoeworkers, endorsed it at a general membership meeting; the **Colorado Labor Advocate**, union paper for 59 AFL affiliates, said it held hope for a just peace and demanded "serious thought":

> **We don't think it's appeasement—unless the very act of ending the war is to be considered appeasement.**

Four international officers of the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union sent a Memorial Day message to Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Tom Connally, urging speedy and favorable action in the Senate for an armistice in Korea. The political action committee of UAW Dodge Local 3 wired Johnson their support, urged Michigan senators to join in backing it.

Sen. Johnson over the NBC network said he was pleased the Russian press played up his proposal. He explained:

> **"Peace is not a one-way street. If Russia is interested in establishing peace in Korea the battle is half won."**

Peaceful Alternatives group gets behind Johnson

ON Memorial Day in Chicago the White Sox played a double-header with the Browns after winning 12 straight on their road-trip; old soldiers marched down Michigan Blvd. with 101% Americans in Legion uniforms in charge; politicians made raucous hay. For other Chicagoans it was a day to remember past wars by preventing future ones. The Illinois Committee for Peaceful Alternatives called together at Hull House 100 peace leaders from all over the state to develop a peace program amid the noisy debate on "how, how much and where the war will be fought." Delegates were unanimous in their wish to back the Johnson resolution.

Natl. CPA co-chairman Dean John B. Thompson of Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, U. of Chicago, keynoted the session with a call for a frontal assault on red-baiting, which he called a "psychosis" and "a form of escape." He said the American viewpoint on foreign policy is so naive as to be on the level of "mythology," and recommended five points the CPA should hold to:

> **(1) Everybody's right to speak for peace; (2) Strengthen, support UN; (3) Korean armistice and negotiation; (4) Recognize Chinese people's revolution and legitimate rights; (5) Promote democracy at home.**

"TRY OTHERS' SHOES": Four panels spent the day exploring concrete tasks of broadening the movement, providing it with tools to fight with. Chairman Rev. William Baird said 60% of those present "were never before identified with CPA." Evening session speakers included Dr. Willard Uphaus (director of Mid-Century Conference for Peace, 1950), Prof. Kermit Eby (Assoc. Social Science Prof., U. of Chicago, former member of U.S. Commission to Japan), Darrell Randall (recently Methodist Board of Missions representative in Belgian Congo).

Insisting that the "revolution" of colonial peoples cannot be stopped,

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The GI's in this picture, chatting with Chinese medical workers in a North Korean POW camp, might be surprised to know that the War. Dept. refuses to list them as prisoners because Chinese-North Korean listings are "unreliable" and may be "propaganda." Washington is shocked by the number of POW's who have signed peace appeals (most POW's listed in the GUARDIAN appear to have done so), and has sought to keep the matter quiet regardless of relatives' feelings. The job of the medical workers above is seeing to the camps' food, sanitation and drinking water, says the caption on this picture from Peking.

CLIP THIS OUT AND CARRY IT WITH YOU

Mark Twain on witch-hunting and war (he was agin 'em!)

(More worthy of reflection than ever in this possibly decisive month for peace is Mark Twain's statement on war, part of which we have previously published. This is the whole passage from The Mysterious Stranger, *least-known of Twain's mature work. (Collected Works, Harper & Bros., 1906). The principal character is Satan, who can speak with cynical frankness. The scene is Vienna, 1590. Satan is talking to Theo Fischer, the young man who tells the story.)*

"I KNOW your race. It is made up of sheep. It is governed by minorities, seldom or never by majorities. It suppresses its feelings and its beliefs and follows the handful that makes the most noise. Sometimes the noisy handful is right, sometimes, wrong; but no matter; the crowd follows it. The vast majority of the race, whether savage or civilized, are secretly kind-hearted and shrink from inflicting pain but in the presence of the aggressive and pitiless minority they don't dare to assert themselves. Think of it! One kind-hearted creature spies upon another, and sees to it that he loyally helps in iniquities which revolt both of them. Speaking as an expert, I know that ninety-nine out of a hundred of your race were strongly against the killing of witches when that foolishness was first agitated by a handful of pious lunatics in the long ago. And I know that even today, after ages of transmitted prejudice and silly 'teaching,' only one person in twenty puts any real heart into the harrying of a witch. And yet apparently everybody hates witches and wants them killed. Some day a handful will rise up on the other side and make the most noise—perhaps even a single daring man with a big voice and a determined front will do it—and in a week all the sheep will follow him, and witch-hunting will come to a sudden end.

"MONARCHIES, aristocracies and religions are all based upon a large defect in your race—the individual's distrust of his neighbor, and his desire, for safety's or comfort's sake, to stand well in his neighbor's eye. These institutions will always remain, and always flourish, and always oppress you, affront you, and degrade you because you will always be and remain slaves of minorities. There was never a country where the majority of the people were in their secret hearts loyal to any of these institutions."

I did not like to hear our race called sheep, and said I did not think they were.

"Still, it is true, lamb," said Satan. "Look at you in war—what mutton you are, and how ridiculous!"

"In war? How?"

"THERE has never been a just one, never an honorable one—on the part of the instigator of the war. I can see a million years ahead, and this rule will never change in so many as half a dozen instances. The loud little handful—as usual—will shout for the war. The pulpit will—warily and cautiously—object—at first, the great dull bulk of the nation will rub its sleepy eyes and try to make out why there should be a war and will say earnestly and indignantly, 'It is unjust and dishonorable and there is no necessity for it.' Then the handful will shout louder. A few fair men on the other side will argue and reason against the war with speech and pen, and at first will have a hearing and be applauded; but it will not last long; those others will outshout them, and presently the anti-war audiences will thin out and lose popularity. Before long you will see this curious thing: the speakers stoned from the platform and free speech strangled by hordes of furious men who in their secret hearts are still at one with those stoned speakers—as earlier—but do not dare to say so. And now the whole nation—pulpit and all—will take up the war-cry and shout itself hoarse, and mob any honest man who ventures to open his mouth; and presently such mouths will cease to open. Next the statesmen will invent cheap lies putting the blame upon the nation that is attacked, and every man will be glad of those conscience-soothing falsities, and will diligently study them and refuse to examine any refutations of them; and thus he will by and by convince himself that the war is just and will thank God for the better sleep he enjoys after this process of grotesque self-deception."

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THE MAIL BAG

The ghost in the drawer

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Here is a fine message which I dug out of a drawer while cleaning up my desk:

"Peace-minded people must act. Every church should organize. Every woman's club should pass resolutions. Every citizen should write to his congressman. There is opportunity for great good as well as great evil in this hour."

The signature below this is "Henry A. Wallace." It was a letter he wrote to me dated Mar. 31, 1947. Verily, verily, Mr. Wallace—and all over the world such people are acting to save the peace. But not Mr. Wallace. **Myron McLaren**

The party has a name

LORAIN, OHIO

The people, as usual, are asleep, and ignorant of the deep-laid scheme to Nazify the whole earth on a scale that would make Hitler look small. And this terrible thing has been hatched right here in America. Our war mongers, equipped with the most terrible weapons of destruction the world has ever known, expect to destroy piecemeal every race that does not have the approval of the Superior People. A new party is the one hope of salvation. **A. W. Crosby**

A barbaric day

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Decoration Day, 1951, was observed with a flood of oratory and editorials overflowing with calls for force and entirely devoid of expressions of genuine sentiment for peace. Not a word detesting war as a barbaric means for settling international disputes.

The explanation is simple. The foreign policy started by Truman right after FDR's death is turning the country from an expanding, self-improving democracy into a preponderantly plutocratic-militaristic, bigoted and reckless adventurist state. It thrives by promoting war hysteria, by intimidation against those who believe in exercising their constitutional rights to voice their need for peace. It is leading humanity to moral and material ruin.

The people of the whole nation should demand that the policy be abandoned, and in its place one be adopted in the spirit in which Sen. Edwin C. Johnson made his proposal on May 17 and of the American Friends Service Committee in their submitted report Steps to Peace. **A. Garcia Diaz**

Stamps to remember by

SEATTLE, WASH.

I have written requesting the Postmaster General, Washington, D. C., to issue immediately stamps memorizing Willie McGee, Peekskill, the Martinsville Seven and—whether living or executed—the Trenton Six, in an "Equality—Lest We Forget" series. If anyone else feels this way about the matter of Equality—speak up and do likewise. **Julia W. Cockroft**

Who gets milked?

PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA

I would like to throw this point at the people who charge that the countries surrounding the U.S.S.R. are satellites, milked to feed Soviet industries. Did you ever hear of an imperialist country sending raw materials to a colony in order to build up industries there? Did you ever hear of the imperialist country permitting industrialization to raise the living standard of a colony? It is such a ridiculous assertion that we neglect to refute it until we read of some liberal being disturbed. The U.S.S.R. sends Czechoslovakia cotton and oil and other raw materials, takes tools and machines.

The British and French who are having their industries shut down for want of raw materials might make some interesting comparisons. **Eleanor Wheeler**

Malodorous teapot

DELIA, KAN.

Do you not think, as I do, that the Falseman-MacArthur tempest-in-a-teapot is part of that 1934 Liberty League game? Falseman has gathered so much big brass into his political household, and two members of that traitorous Liberty League—I refer to Louis Johnson and Charles E. Wilson of GE, who promoted that Gen. Butler attempt to overthrow our government a la South America.

Your use of "strong man" for Eisenhower indicates you think him stronger than the average. The word does not apply to anyone so weak. Some of you editors need to study semantics. **C. V. Muller**

The Sphinx speaks

EVANSVILLE, IND.

I sent Dean Acheson an 8-page letter filled with quotations without quotation marks from the GUARDIAN, Anna Louise Strong, Ernest T. Weir and Stringfellow Barr (Let's Join the Human Race). Acheson actually replied. He evaded every important thrust, but said he was glad to have me give him the benefit of my long study of international relations. **Louis P. Benezet**

Include me out

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

To you churches, press, radio, TV, pictures, schools, fraternities, banks, business men I say: As long as you support by your words, deeds or silence this corrupt military dictatorship which now rules America and is trying to rule the world,

You are too stupid to be my teacher;

Too big a coward to be my defender;

Too crooked to be my friend. **Winton Alden Smith**

To sum up—it stinks

JACKSON HEIGHTS, N. Y.

I share your shock at the "fetid cave" emission of Norman Mailer (Barbary Shore). But in my opinion it has nothing to do with "progressives" or a return to, or defection from, a political affiliation. The quotes are all I need to know about such a typical American case-history. A culture that produces "I Am An American Day," "Operation Killer" and Truman is a vulgar, superficial, heterogeneous layer over a violent elementary struggle to digest and rationalize predatory materialism. **Dorothy Butler Howells**

Kremlin plot exposed

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Barbary Shore is obviously too profound for simple Stalinist rote.

WE'RE fighting — are YOU?

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Enclosed sub renewal to your valuable paper which I hope never to be without. Just keep on keeping on, and keep your far-away sights handy, as things are coming our way. Chins up and try to continue being the good Guardians that you are. I am 73 years young, going strong as far as the noodle is concerned (finances — well, that's something different), and in the fight to the finish. **J. S. Weeks**

STOCKTON, CALIF.

We can do without Truman, we can do without MacArthur, we can do without Korean police actions, but we can't do without the GUARDIAN. **Boyd A. Thomas**

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Enclosed find $1 for the support of your glorious paper. If only more people could see the work of this paper, appeals for funds would be unnecessary. **Herman Katzen**

NEW YORK, N. Y.

He who runs may read, but in the case of the GUARDIAN it is better to sit down, read the paper from cover to cover, and learn not only the facts of our fatal march to fascism and war, but also how the American plain people can mobilize to bring our country back to decency and democracy. The GUARDIAN brings hope to me for my two children, in spite of the criminal machinations of the Truman Administration, the McCarthy hell-hitters, and the bought press. Here is a dollar; will try to do this each month. Keep printing! **Florence Efrein**

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

I want to commend you because you are full of fight and you avoid the doctrinaire phrases of the intellectual which weigh us down. It is not a matter of talking down to the people—it is rather a question of talking to them in good old-fashioned political language. This makes the GUARDIAN a real power. **Reuben W. Borough**

TROUT CREEK, MONT.

Well, here I am again, the junior from Noxon High. I've been reading the GUARDIAN again and naturally I learned some more. I've received quite a few letters from readers. They sent me some reading material for which I am very grateful, as I'm eager to read whatever I can. Incidentally, as of Feb. 26 I was 17 instead of 16. The closer I get to 18 the sooner I can go out and help in the fight for freedom and happiness. I still think that if some of the nation's capital was spent in educating the kids, it would be a better place to live. **Beulah Fyatt**

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REPORT TO READERS

Special Issue on Korea, June 27

THE JUNE 27 ISSUE of the GUARDIAN will be a special one devoted to a thoroughgoing review of one year of war in Korea. It will cover not only the military and diplomatic ups and downs of the war, summing up the extent of the destruction and the nature of what has been destroyed in Korea, but also the effect of the war on the ordinary man, woman and child in America:

- Its impact on prices and living standards;
- On human rights and civil liberties;
- On the political, educational and moral climate of our country.

Also, this special issue will document the growth of peace sentiment among the American people throughout the past year, beginning with the lonely voice of the Progressive Party at the outbreak of the war (and the GUARDIAN's sole opposition in the national press) and bringing our readers up-to-date on the far-reaching extent of peace advocates today, now numbering millions and springing from every corner of the country, every walk of life.

THIS SPECIAL ISSUE can be of real use to you in providing your friends and neighbors with a full, factual resume of one year of the war, and detailing for them the rise of public opposition despite every Administration effort to stifle and repress criticism and resistance.

We urge you to begin figuring now how many copies of this issue you or your organization can use. Place your order quickly for a special bundle. The bundle price (five or more) is 2c a copy, or $2 a hundred.

NOW TAKE A LOOK at p. 8: is your own subscription expiring? The code numbers "6-51" on your address-plate indicate that it must be renewed by the end of this month, or your name will be removed from our mailing list.

Check now, and send your renewal along with your order for extra copies of the June 27 special issue.

THE EDITORS

I imagine it will take all of ten years before the book gains the place in American literature it deserves. You are against anything you suspect disagrees with your authoritarian views. The GUARDIAN is now so thoroughly a party-line mouthpiece that I shall discontinue when my subscription expires **Anonymous**

Mightmare

OAKLAND, CALIF.

Our little boy woke from a nightmare tonight, terrified and shivering with fear that his balloons would harm him. My wife and I calmed him by explaining what dreams are, and he went back to sleep, little knowing that we could not explain to him about real nightmares, the kind felt by the people of Hiroshima or Nagasaki.

A few years from now when he can understand we'll tell him how the people all over the world, taking the lead in common sense, instructed their representatives to rise above prejudice and taboos, and abolished the man-made nightmare of warfare from the earth. **Herbert T. Johnson**

Support Sabath

NEW YORK, N. Y.

May we call attention to the fact that Congressman Adolph J. Sabath of Illinois has introduced a bill (HR 3118) which provides for repeal of the un-American McCarran Act? We urge your readers to support the repeal campaign by:

(1) Writing their Congressmen urging support of HR 3118;

(2) Sending contributions to us at 2 Stone Street, New York City 4;

(3) Giving volunteer time (phone BOwling Green 9-2558).

Natl. Comm. to Repeal the McCarran Act
Olive O. Van Horn, Secy.

The cause of war

STAUNTON, W. VA.

National Mental Health Week was May 2-8. It would not do for America to have too much mental health, for that would mean the end of capitalism. No nation can be mentally alert and approve capitalism. For capitalism is an insatiable parasite that lives on the ignorance of the public, and permits the worthless and undeserving to amass the largest fortunes. But opposition to capitalism does not necessarily mean socialism or communism. It means opposition to greed—the cause of war. **Pro Bono Publico**

I remember Mac

MOUNTAIN HOME, TENN.

One of my fondest memories of Gen. MacArthur is that time he made this GI and many others stand at attention for a long time with large packs on our backs, while he received us—without even giving us an "at ease"—with men collapsing all around from the heat and weight. I think others who have served under him might also like to testify to his personal charm and love of the underdog. **G. I. Joey**

Whitewash job

MOBERLY, MO.

Gen. Marshall praises Gen. MacArthur; states that the major difference was whether or not we should start World War III with or without the consent of our allies; and reaffirms the Administration's determination to continue the intervention on Formosa. As a "rebuttal" his testimony was a case of "the pot calling the kettle WHITE!" **David W. Janes**

Llama's way

Do you happen to know, dear reader, what happens when two llamas (S. American Andes Mts. sheep-goats) meet on a mountainside trail, too narrow to permit side-by-side passage of each other? One lies down flat; the other steps over him, and they go on their ways unhurt. I wonder why GOD didn't give us human animals such intelligence.

Missouri Mule
(Elk Creek, Mo.)

Nazarene and A-bomb

LONG BEACH, CALIF.

I was quite shocked but not surprised at the conscious illiteracy of Father Edmund Walsh of Georgetown University in saying the use of atomic bombs, wherever there is "a Soviet feint," is comparable to the actions of Jesus Christ, who did not disdain to seize the lash to drive the hypocrites out of the temple.

It was the money changers that Jesus put out of the temple for doing business there. The money changers are still in the temple, "the kings of this world," buying and selling the necessities of life, "our daily bread," like a bunch of cheap peddlers. But now the Christians (they have a new name for us now but it means the same thing) are back in the Roman World and have great strength. We come as a thief in the night upon a white horse with a mighty sickle in our hand to reap the world. **Allen Noonan**

Nationwide support for Johnson plan

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Randall urged Americans to "put themselves in the shoes of others" and be prepared to play "a minority role" in UN if there is to be peace and progress. He pointed to the great production efforts in the U.S.S.R. and said there was no reason why such works could not be provided for peoples elsewhere.

As the White Sox ran their winning string to 14 straight (GUARDIAN's Sidney Ordower summed up), a small but mighty band of peacemakers had made Memorial Day a fitting tribute in the sixth year of the Atomic Age.

THE POTENT IDEA: In Madison, Wisc., a group of 65 peacemakers marched to the top of Observatory Hill for a sunrise peace service under joint sponsorship of the Madison CPA, Fellowship of Reconciliation and Society of Friends. Using as text Victor Hugo's "Nothing in the world is so powerful as an idea whose time has come," Rabbi Manfred Swarsensky of Beth El Temple said the time had come to end the Korean conflict regardless of differences about it in the past, and to end poverty and misery everywhere. He urged support of the Johnson resolution.

In New York, co-ordinator Marcel Scherer of the N.Y. Labor Conference for Peace was free of an Un-American Activities Committee contempt charge. When Judge Bernita S. Matthews ruled Scherer was within his rights in refusing to answer 52 committee questions, government prosecutor Hitz sought to convict the Conference on the charge of working for peace at the Un-A. A. C. hearings, but the Conference was freed on all counts.

Daily Worker, London

"Action stations — two doves heading for Pearl Harbor."

People's Congress promises tremendous gathering

INTO all of the many peace movements of varying complexions throughout the land, the Johnson resolution had breathed new determination, setting a deadline for peace in Korea in what might be the decisive month of June. Reports to N.Y. headquarters of the American Peace Crusade from hundreds of communities and groups organizing delegations pointed to a tremendous gathering at the People's Congress for Peace, Chicago June 29-July 1. The organizers were stressing the special labor events at the congress, including not only a round-table peace discussion for labor delegates but a labor workshop on "What has happened to labor? What is labor doing about it?" Entries for the money-prize contests for posters, emblems, photographs, songs, poetry, stories, one-act plays and leaflets on the peace theme were pouring in.

VOICES FROM THE ISLANDS: From the United Nations Assn. of Jamaica, West Indies, came last week "the Jamaica Plan for World Peace." The Assn. was circularizing organizations and newspapers throughout the world with its "positive and constructive proposal—a novel yet practical plan." The Assn.'s theme: "The Voice of the People has been the forgotten factor in world politics; the time has come for it to be heard." The plan: UN to pass a resolution setting up a world-wide people's referendum with these questions:

(1) Should your nation's foreign policy be based on supporting, strengthening UN?
(2) Should your nation settle international disputes by peaceful negotiations?
(3) Do you favor world-wide agreement for rapid arms reduction?
(4) Should all nations solemnly ban all weapons of mass destruction?
(5) Shall the present Peking government of China be represented in UN?

The Jamaicans insist that if UN will not sponsor the referendum, the World Fedn. of UN Assns. should. The proposed UN resolution states that any government refusing to allow the referendum would brand itself as suspect of warlike intentions.

Supreme Court, 6-2, upholds Smith Act

THE U.S. Supreme Court on Monday ruled in a 6-2 decision that the Smith Act was constitutional. **(Full details in the GUARDIAN next week).** C.B. Baldwin, secretary, and Elmer Benson, chairman of the Progressive Party immediately issued this statement:

The Supreme Court's decision upholding constitutionality of the Smith Act and the conviction of American Communist leaders is even more far-reaching in its blow at the Bill of Rights than the infamous Dred Scott decision. The majority of the court stand convicted by all the people devoted to liberty of ignoring the constitutional guarantees of freedom of thought, speech and assembly in bowing supinely to the bi-partisan war hysteria in this mockery of justice.

The Bill of Rights was established for the protection of all the people for precisely such times as these when government-fostered hysteria reigns. The responsibility now rests squarely on the American people—on every citizen devoted to freedom and fair play—to restore the Bill of Rights.

The Progressive Party will do all in its power to combat the present hysteria and restore the basic rights of all people. As the first step we urge every citizen, regardless of political faith, to write or wire President Truman, insisting that the Supreme Court grant a re-hearing to the convicted leaders of the Communist Party in order that everyone's rights be restored.

WHAT! NO A-BOMB DRILLS?

An American professor looks at the new Poland

By Margaret Schlauch

(Dr. Schlauch, the well-known professor of English who left New York University last February to teach at the University of Warsaw, will report from time to time on Poland for the GUARDIAN. In a forthcoming issue she will write "about the University life into which I am feeling my way." Ed.)

A VISITOR who comes here via England is sure to exclaim about the good shoes and clothing worn by the Polish population. Food, too, is abundant (and unrationed) as compared with England. To be sure, these items are not cheap. A worker must pay something like a quarter of a month's salary for a pair of good boots or shoes; but many advantages more than balance this outlay. His rent is something like ½ of 1% of a month's salary. Medical and dental care are free—also family vacations arranged through trade or professional unions (which also provide for cut-rate theater tickets, greatly reduced transport to work, and other economies).

The two important facts about daily living are (1) that costs tend steadily downward, while items formerly scarce appear in steadily increasing abundance; (2) that even now the average Pole, whether in town or country, eats better and is better clothed than before the war. Poles in general are said to consume about five times as much meat as they did before the war.

Polish Information Service

"We don't want war. We want all children of the world to study and to play in peace." Grazyna Filipczak, 12-year-old schoolgirl, speaks to a recent peace congress in Warsaw.

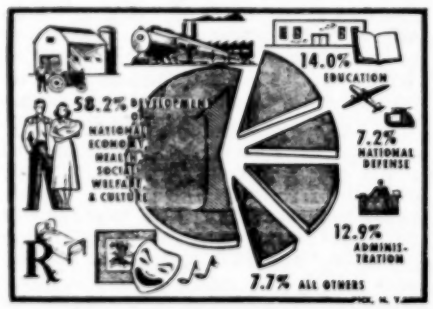
THE VANISHING POINT: From college professors to bricklayers, anyone wishing to supplement his basic salary can easily do so. The great demand for all sorts of work is an exhilarating aspect of life here. Advancement is very rapid. In a current joke, an office manager looks about him and asks dolefully: "What became of that good typist we used to have?" "Oh, don't you know?" comes the answer; "she has become a government minister!"

Such advancement has not as yet, in fact, fallen to the lot of any typist—but industrial workers have actually risen to ministries. Full, or rather over-full, employment is releasing unbounded new talents in a grandiose program of peaceful construction.

Warsaw is a day-and-night symphony of construction: armies of workers, sounds of hauling and carting (with little aid of machinery), of hammer blows and kicking drills and spitting torches as square miles of stately new buildings replace smoke-blackened ruins and heaps of rubble. Every citizen feels an immediate concern in the quotas of coal, brick, steel and iron which a young industry is called upon to supply.

MORE GRAIN: It is a matter for universal rejoining, too, when we learn that peasants have delivered a total of collected grain 305,000 tons larger than what was obtained a year ago (March 1, 1950). There had been resistance and even sabotage by wealthier peasants. (Remember that land ownership, having passed to individual working farmers in small units, is still private).

The resistance expressed itself in a refusal to deliver pledged quotas to the government's collection for spring seed-grain. But an extensive campaign of political and social education by the United Polish Workers' Party, reinforced by patriotic appeals, yielded gratifying results. The poorer and middle groups of peasants responded to the appeals and put pressure on the more affluent, resistant group to do likewise. Hence the final success.



Polish Information Service

These things we think about in Warsaw as we eat the cereals, meats, dairy products and vegetables that come to us from the countryside.

ONCE WAS ENOUGH: Our lives are full of peace-time preoccupations like these. There are no air-raid shelters being constructed (so far as I know) or even discussed here: a great contrast to Stockholm, which I visited en route hither. There are no A-bomb drills in the schools; no literature is being distributed on this macabre subject. As children play about the still-omnipresent ruins, the scenes of recent destruction, they are not being required to get themselves ready for another and worse experience of the same sort.

The great will for peace here is surely the strongest kind of protection the American people can find for their own peace and welfare, if only that will is allowed to prevail. And Poles in general are well aware that very many Americans, led by such gallant groups as the members of the Progressive Party and their associates, are waging a truly heroic fight on this issue of peace and war, which is the life-and-death concern of both peoples.

Workers can't find Soviet 'slaves'

LONDON

A DELEGATION of 28 British unionists who went to Moscow for May Day held a press conference here, as a "Commission on Concentration Camp Regimes" began "unofficial hearings" in Brussels on "Soviet slave labor." The 28 made this statement:

The capitalist press has depicted a false and slanderous picture of the Soviet Union and its people. So much so, that most of what is ordinary came as a surprise to the delegation. We can only come to the conclusion that these lies are deliberately being spread in order to worsen relations. We state categorically that Soviet workers are free workers. We have spoken freely to them and they have spoken freely to us. . . . The citizens show themselves as a happy, free people, independent and confident, who work hard, play hard, and enjoy their good food and cultural activities.

DON'T "LIBERATE" US! The delegates—elected by workers and shop stewards in docks, mines, textile mills, engineering and building, railways and offices—included a plumber, a glass processor, an aircraft worker, a carpenter, and two women: a Health Ministry civil servant and a hosiery worker. Two of the 28 were Communists, most were Labour Party members. Expressing the deepest impression of all, the plumber said: "Peace was all the Soviet people talked about." The hosiery worker was "thrilled to see the women and children looking so well and happy, the shops so full of goods everybody could afford to buy." Liverpool dock-worker J. Wilson, a Baptist whose name had been drawn out of a hat at a public meeting to be a delegate, went to a Baptist church in Moscow and returned "full of joy" that his denomination was "absolutely free to conduct their services." The carpenter, James Dallison, said:

"I went in a critical frame of mind but returned favorably impressed by workers' living conditions, the amount of building work going on, the complete freedom of religious worship and the well-being of the children. The Soviet people . . . are certainly not waiting for either Mr. Churchill or Mr. Truman to come along and liberate them."

WAR & PEACE

Korean truce talk growing

PEACE RUMORS again swept the Western world. UN Secy. Gen. Lie, having safely crossed the 49th Parallel, told the Canadian UN Assn. in Ottawa:

> "The time has come for a new effort to end the fighting in Korea . . . [since] if a cease fire could be arranged approximately along the 38th Parallel the [UN's] main purpose [would have been achieved]."

He reminded UN members that the war was undertaken "in response to UN recommendations, not commands," called "bilateral dealings" and alliances in support of national interests no substitute for UN influence and no preventive of war.

In Korea, Lt. Gen. Van Fleet told the press the "pursuit phase" of the war had ended with clearing of South Korea. **UP** interpreted his remarks to mean "that the 8th Army will go on the defensive with the main objective of preventing a new Communist thrust across the 38th Parallel." Headlines bannered: "Peace Move On." Both Van Fleet and the Pentagon rejected this implication. Secy. Acheson, denying knowledge of peace moves, said the U.S. was willing to halt fighting on the Parallel "if the aggression would end and you had reasonable assurance it would not be resumed."

Under British initiative the 14 nations fighting in Korea were reported conferring on truce terms. Both Washington and UN ignored the six-weeks-old North Korean proposal for cease-fire, negotiation and withdrawal of all non-Korean forces.

2ND THOUGHTS ON "HORDES": According to Van Fleet, "We can whip the Chinese army any time or place"; but UN forces had yet to regain their old positions above the 38th Parallel. U. S. Intelligence, reported the N. Y. **Times,** "finds Chinese morale good" and no indication that Chinese armies are being bled white. The **Times'** Hanson Baldwin called Chinese losses "exaggerated," said we "overestimate our successes": the Chinese "spring offensives" did heavy damage to the South Korean Army, "captured so much equipment that the booty almost certainly more than replaced the enemy's materiel losses."

NEW YORK TIMES

MAY 30, 1951

VANDENBERG URGES AIR FORCE CAPABLE OF IMPOSING PEACE

Even U.S. air dominance was being challenged. Washington reports said U.S. bombers are being brought down "at altitudes well ove. 20,000 feet" by "modern electronically-aimed anti-aircraft guns." Air Chief of Staff Vandenberg told senators investigating MacArthur's ouster that Soviet MIG 15's are "better than anything we've got in engine and speed," that U.S. air power could not take on both Russia and China at this time. His testimony, commented Walter Lippmann, punctured

> . . . the cheapest, the nastiest and most suicidal delusion that ever contaminated the mind and spirit of any considerable part of our people . . . that almost any troublesome quarrel can be settled just as we would wish it to be settled by "dropping the bomb" and thereby killing untold numbers of helpless and innocent men, women and children.

Lippmann urged a truce, insisting that to achieve it the U.S. must jettison Chiang Kai-shek. So long, he wrote, as our allies believe

> . . . the quasi-war against China is more important to us than an honorable compromise which ends the Korean War . . . we must expect only to go on and on with a wretched war that the Generals have admitted they cannot end.

The "debate" on whether U.S. destruction should be carried from Korea into China is strictly confined to Washington and the U.S. press. China Monthly Review **reports that "U.S. planes invaded China the day MacArthur was recalled and also the day after"; bomb and incendiary raids on Chinese communities also took place Mar. 30-31 (20 times), April 7, April 13; a detonator picked up after one Mar. 30 raid showed that bombs made in Japan were being used. (Above): Section of the residential quarter of Antung, China, after a U.S. raid. (R.): Mme. Ma, an elderly Antung resident, is led from the wreckage of her home in which her daughter and three grandchildren have just been killed by U.S. airmen.**

DEAN ADORNS TRUTH: Far from dropping Chiang, Washington committed itself still further to his support. The **N. Y. Times** reported U.S. assurances to Chiang that a Chinese attack on Formosa would bring instant U.S. retaliation against Chinese mainland bases. John Foster Dulles journeyed to London to pressure Britain to withdraw its opposition to Chiang's participation in a Japanese peace treaty, drop its insistence that the treaty provide for Japan's renunciation of Formosa in favor of China. (India, whose appeal for a wheat loan is still being pushed around in Congress, has also demanded Peking participation in the treaty and Formosa's return to China.)

In Washington the Senate MacArthur committees forced Secy. Acheson to make public a Dec., 1949 State Dept. directive describing Formosa as "politically, geographically, and strategically part of China" with "no special importance," and U.S. support of Chiang as a "risky and unpromising venture." Acheson's explanation was bland: it was not "unadorned truth" but a "propaganda" directive for the Voice of America; it did not indicate any change in Administration policy. Hearst's **Journal American** spluttered in immense type that the Administration "is now boldly purloining his [MacArthur's] policies."

MAKE JOE THE GOAT: Top U.S. brass, after testifying at the MacArthur hearings, flew to Paris to confer with Gen. Eisenhower, U.S. Ambassador to Moscow Adm. Kirk, and U.S. diplomats attending the Big Four deputies' meeting.

Out of their talks came a new Western venture to put the onus on Russia for failure to agree on an agenda for the proposed foreign ministers' meeting: a U.S. note inviting the U.S.S.R to a conference in Washington, July 23, on the basis of one or another of three alternative agenda previously submitted by Washington and rejected by Moscow. Washington has flatly refused to include in the agenda discussion of the Atlantic Pact and U.S bases abroad. As **Newsweek** explained June 4, the plan

> . . . has been devised with an eye to the propaganda effects of an eventual breakdown of the current Paris conference. The Western powers believe that having set the date and place of the conference they could not logically be accused of opposing the meeting. A Soviet refusal to take part, the Allies think, will place the responsibility of the breakdown on Russia.

MORE VOTES, LESS OFFICES: Washington efforts to organize Western Europe for war met heavy weather. In the first of a series of municipal-provincial elections to be held on successive Sundays in Italy, the Communist-Left Socialist bloc won 39.7% of the popular vote—a gain of more than 7% since 1948—while the Christian Democratic Party of Premier de Gasperi got 36.3%, a 17% loss since 1948. Owing to a rigged electoral law, the anti-Left coalition won control of 2,340 out of 2,735 municipalities in the 28 northern provinces, including the former Communist strongholds of Genoa and Venice. The Left retained control of four provincial capitals—Bologna, Savona, Rovigo, Pesaro. The **N.Y. Times** commented:

> The votes of the Communists, Left wing Socialists and Right wing Socialists, if added together, indicated that a majority of Italians were veering increasing toward the Left.

L'Osservatore Romano, organ of the Vatican which had declared voting Left

People's China, Peking

The traveling salesmen.

a mortal sin, drew "the undeniable conclusion" that

> . . . social communism has maintained substantially and essentially its own political positions or it may even have eventually improved them. [The $1,300,000,000 of Marshall Aid since 1948] cannot have improved the low standard of living of the majority.

Before the elections, the U.S. press said a vote for the Communists would represent a vote against rearmament and Italy's adherence to the U.S. Final results were not yet in. Left papers accused the government of deliberately holding them up to conceal losses of the Christian Democrats.

"THE TABLE IS SET": In Spain—which Gen. Bradley said last week should be included in the Atlantic Pact, and for which Sen. McCarran said he would demand a $100,000,000 loan—the two-months-old mass protest movement spread to Madrid. Calling off an announced strike in the face of an obvious police intention to provoke violence, Madrilenos walked to work, obeying a secret call to boycott transport. A letter from Madrid received in the U.S. said:

> The family is now tightly united. The table is set for the celebration. And we will cut off the hand of any intruder who dares disturb this family affair.

A letter from a Basque Nationalist smuggled out of Bilbao read:

> I think the beginning of the end is nearing. Though the strike had a purely social character, it is really a political movement in which all parties including the Monarchists are united.

BASES AND STARVATION: Pressure from Washington to bring Greece and Turkey into the Atlantic Pact mounted. London's **Daily Telegraph** commented:

> Western strategy requires bombing bases closer to Russia—in England, North Africa, and the Middle East, particularly Turkey. The creation of a separate Mediterranean Pact would not meet the situation.

The U.S.'s Atlantic Pact partners were not enthusiastic, feeling, said the N.Y. **Times,** that inclusion of Turkey right on Soviet borders might be construed as "an act of aggression." In Turkey, where 70% of the budget goes to the military and prices of food and clothing have risen 400 to 600% since 1939, famine was spreading as grain reserves were exhausted. Hunger riots were reported in some villages. Premier Medneres boasted in an interview with CBS:

> "Turkey is making a greater military effort than any other European country, and for that reason she has the lowest standard of living."

Turkey has 2,000,000 unemployed; its peasants are unbearably burdened with taxes and levies. Even right-wing papers complain, as did the organ of the Republican Party recently, of "the infiltration of foreign capital which enjoys numerous privileges over local capital."

In Greece results of the April 15 municipal and local elections were finally made public. They showed the Democratic Rally winning 17% of the total vote in Athens—although 50,000 voters had been struck off the register because of suspected Left sympathies—and 25.5% in Piraeus, where it elected 8 out of 30 councillors. In Kavalla it got 48%, in Lesbos 46%. Would-be strong man Marshall Papagos resigned as army C-in-C, reportedly with the aim of running in the next general elections which may be held this summer.

PRESSURES & PEOPLE: In Iran the government of ailing Premier Mossadegh talked with emotional defiance, faltered in concrete action to carry through the Parliament-voted nationalization of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. U.S. and British pressures (including personal letters from President Truman to Britain's Attlee and Mossadegh) were heavy; U.S. Ambassador Grady was reported optimistic that a settlement satisfactory to both Western governments would be reached.

While Secy. Acheson warned that war could break out in Iran, the Chicago **Daily News'** Frederick Kuh reported that ranking U.S. authorities fear the Tudeh Party will come to power. They do not believe, he said, that the U.S. could go to war to prevent this since the American people would not support military action to save the feudal Shah or British imperialism. In Teheran the Tudeh mustered a demonstration of 100,000 last week—biggest in Iranian history — to demand nationalization without further delay.

AFRICA

Africans unite against new Nazism

UNTIL 1910 in what is now the British Dominion the Union of South Africa, the minority rule of whites of Dutch and British extraction was maintained by barring the vote to those earning less than $200 a year or owning property of less than $300. In 1930-31 voting restrictions were lifted from Europeans. In 1936 Africans were restricted to the privilege of electing three Europeans to represent all of them.

The moderate liberals led by Gen. Jan Christian Smuts went along when the racist Nationalists promised the disfranchisement axe would not fall on the "coloured" population (half-white, half-African), who were the backbone of liberal suport. But in 1948 the Nationalists under Premier Daniel Malan took power on a platform of complete white supremacy. Last month they swept aside all constitutional safeguards and ordered 1,000,000 "coloured" citizens off the voting lists, giving the "coloured" people three elected Europeans to represent them in the House, one (government-appointed) to represent them in the Senate.

The result, in Capetown last week, was what the N. Y. **Times** called "the worst rioting in Capetown's history."

THE RESISTANCE: Along with the whittling-down of the franchise has come the world's sharpest jimcrow, know as "apartheid"; census and zoning of communities by race; laws against intermarriage similar to Hitler's Nuremberg decrees. Herbert Roberts in the N. Y. **Daily Compass** reported that many feared

> . . . the time when racial discrimination will swing from the black race to the Jews, then against the "second-class" citizens of British origin.

Resistance by Africans, "coloured" and the large Indian community which has suffered increasing discrimination has kept pace with the terror. For years Africans, when forced to vote for a European, chose Communist Sam Kahn. They have faced police assaults in countless demonstrations.

On March 8, 10,000 Capetowners faced fully-armed police in a protest against disfranchisement. On May 2, the Franchise Action Committee, representing 56,000 people of all groups, called a strike in Capetown that closed down clothing and footwear factories, shut many stores and emptied classrooms.

THE NEW HITLER: Last week a united torch-carrying, band-playing demonstration of all races, led by Battle of Britain air hero Group Capt. A. G. Malan and 50,000 ex-servicemen, marched eight abreast in a three-mile protest procession through Capetown. As they marched they sang songs of two wars for "western civilization" in both of which many had fought, and displayed banners: "Down With Premier Malan," "Hitler Tried; We Won and Will Win Again." Women carried babies on their backs. Armed police ringed the Parliament buildings, and when a group of people's representatives sought to go inside with a delegation bearing protest resolutions, the cops charged into the crowd swinging batons. Scores of persons and two cops were seriously injured and rushed to hospitals, which had not yet tallied casualty lists.

News-Chronicle, London
Sowing the seeds

U. S. newspapers which have ignored such expressions of domestic racism as the Martinsville, McGee and Trenton cases were editorially troubled about the effect of Malan racism on the world anti-communist front. The N. Y. **Times** saw in it "excellent material for Communist propaganda."

UNITY FOR PEACE: The resistance has gone beyond local issues and sparked a peace movement. At the end of April more than 400 delegates from a dozen large South African organizations gathered at a two-day peace meeting in Johannesburg. Among the panel topics was "Race Discrimination, a Threat to Peace."

Inevitably the resistance has leveled fire at U. S. economic penetration. Last December, at the height of the government's suppression, U. S. diplomats were dickering. The U. S. won undisclosed rights over South African uranium fields, then advanced $80,000,000 as a first instalment in what seemed a plan to subsidize South African fascism.

John Hatch, in London's **New Statesman and Nation,** after summing up the unity of the resistance, wrote :

> But perhaps the most significant of all, the Franchise Action Committee recently received a telegram of support from [resistance leader] Nkrumah in the Gold Coast. If the Africans on the continent begin to unite, it needs little imagination to see the logical end.

ECONOMY

Wall St. hails war's 'golden flow'

ALL industry had "the touch of Midas" in 1951's first quarter, **Barron's** financial weekly noted recently. **Business Week** said corporations "had their hands on more profits in the first quarter of 1951 than ever before," and the "golden flow" of dividend payments reached "the highest level ever recorded in a first quarter." The President's Council of Economic Advisers reported profits before taxes in 1951's first quarter at an annual rate of $50,000,000,000, highest in history, and after taxes, 50% higher than a year ago. Some profit increases after taxes were fantastic:

- American Smelting & Refining Co.—205%
- New Jersey Zinc—764%
- Butte Copper & Zinc—242%
- Reynolds Metals—291%
- Western Union Telegraph—842%
- U. S. Rubber Co.—131%
- Socony Vacuum—68%
- B. F. Goodrich—51%
- 20 mining & metal companies—110%
- 57 railroads—79.9%
- 9 coal companies—47.8%
- 32 petroluem products—52.8%.

U.S. News purred:

> The billions that Congress is putting up for new planes, tanks, ships, guns and other military goods are going to give U. S. business a real backstop for a long time.

The **Journal of Commerce** May 21 spoke frankly: the Office of Price Stabilization formula for setting prices according to the "industry earnings standard" was "designed solely to afford price relief to industry." The paper explained:

> It is plainly and simply a price increase standard under which industries may in general obtain price increases when their average return on net worth falls below excess profits tax brackets. . . . Under OPA the average return on net worth for all manufacturing industrials figured out at 9.9%. Under the ESA standard officials have calculated that the return may run better than 20%.

TWO DAYS OUT OF FIVE: Big business was doing all right on the tax front, too. The House Ways & Means Committee proposed to raise $7,500,000,000 in new taxes (as against $10,000,000,000 asked by the President) mainly by excise (really sales) taxes and levies on low and moderate incomes. An across-the-board 12½% increase on all incomes (raising the tax of a single person earning $2,000 a year from $280 to $315) was voted. This would bring the increase in federal taxation of wage-earners to about 433% since 1939, with wage-earners working two days out of five for the government.

Drawing by Maurice Becker
"Please, I want some more."

Corporations again got off lightly. At present they may take 85% of their profits for the best three of the four years 1946-49 as their base period, paying an excess profits tax of 77% on everything above that base. The committee slightly increased the excess profits tax by voting to make the base 75% of the best three of the four years. Loopholes in normal corporate and excess profits tax were left or widened.

Big business has been allowed to write off $5,775,432,000 for new construction or expansion costs within five years instead of the customary 20. The House Expenditures Subcommittee, contrasting this sum allowed in the past five months of the Korean War with $7,000,000,000 allowed in five years of World War II, called the tax write-offs "the biggest bonanza that ever came down the government pike." Half a billion dollars in tax write-offs for the steel industry were approved "without any effort to verify the self-serving statements on each application and entirely on a first-come, first-serve basis."

CONSUMER GOODS PILE UP: Extent of the big-business steal on the price front was suggested last week by Defense Secy. Marshall, who admitted that since Korea price profiteering has taken a $7,000,000,000 bite out of the $35,000,000,000 voted by Congress for rearmament. The OPS, which always exempted military goods and services from controls, said it would also exempt industrial manufactured goods "of a strictly military nature." Lobbyists swarmed to Washington in a determined effort to end price and rent controls completely with expiration of the Defense Production Act June 30.

The Supreme Court decision that minimum prices set by manufacturers need not bind retailers became the excuse for a highly-publicized "price war" in New York City. Cuts were confined to consumer durables and some clothing. Actually bargain sales and price cuts on consumer durables—television sets, radios, electrical appliances, stoves, etc.—began throughout the nation before the decision in an effort to unload inventories and spur declining retail sales. Retail sales dropped from $13,300,000,000 in January to $12,300,000,000 in March, while inventories climbed from $61,500,000,000 in December to $66,100,000,000 in March. The Commerce Dept. reported new orders for both durables and non-durables received by manufacturers dropped 10% more than they usually do from March to April. In manufacturing, sales dropped 5% in April while inventories climbed 3%.

STRAINS & STRESSES: Declining consumer demand reflected the fall in real weekly wages and the attack on living standards embodied in the war program. Arms spending — now at a $2,000,000,000-a-month rate, to reach $5,000,000,000 by the year's end — was proving to be not only an unbearable strain on U. S. domestic economy but, with its train of international shortages and rising prices, on the economies of the two-thirds of the world with which the U. S. deals.

For all the "golden flow," stock market gyrations showed that U. S. business is worried by the "peace scare"—despite the **Journal of Commerce** reassurance that it "is unthinkable" that the end of the Korean war would slash arms spending. With the MacArthur hearings demonstrating that the government has no policy either for peace or for decisive war, even war perspectives began to take on a gloomy tinge. All-out war would make a much heavier tax burden inevitable, and the prospect of reaping the "benefits" of a victorious war seemed to be fading. Result: divisions developing in the business camp.

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CALENDAR

Chicago

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JUNE 9th IS THE DAY
Dance-Party honoring Bill Miller, State Director Progressive Party. Oscar Brown Jr. emcees giant stage show. People's Auditorium, 2457 W. Chicago. Admission: $1.

Los Angeles

"BEHIND THE NEWS"—seminar on current events with Martin Hall, noted lecturer and journalist. Every Mon. eve., 8 p.m., Severance Room, 1st Unitarian Church, 2936 W. 8 St.

PARTY, TOM PAINE CLUB. Young adult group of 1st Unitarian Church — novelty entertainment, dancing, refreshments, authoritative news commentary. Sat., June 16, 3335 Country Club Drive.

New York

PEACE FESTIVAL saluting the Chicago Peace Congress, Friday, June 15, Manhattan Center, 8:30 p.m. American Women for Peace presents: **PAUL ROBESON, AI-YE TRIO,** African interpretive dancers; excerpts from "Singing Of Women," an historical musical; **LAURA DUNCAN, BETTY SANDERS, OSBORNE SMITH, ERNIE LIEBERMAN, DNIPRO UKRAINIAN DANCERS** and **YUGO-SLAV FOLK DANCERS.** Tickets available at American Women for Peace, 1186 Broadway, Room 330, N. Y. C. MU 3-1524 and at Bookshops. $1.80, $1.20, 60c; boxes of 15 seats available for organizations and groups.

A NEW PEACE CANTATA "The Only Victory," by author Yuri Suhl and composer Maurice Rauch will be performed by the Jewish People's Choruses of N. Y. Saturday night June 9, 8:30, at Central Needle Trades H. S., 225 W. 24th St. Program will include "Rozhinkes Mit Mandlen," a Goldfaden montage with narration by Nathaniel Buchwald and other Yiddish and Hebrew songs. Tickets available at office of Jewish Alliance, 1 Union Square West, Tel.: AL 5-5984.

Philadelphia

A FESTIVAL OF DANCE, DRAMA AND SONG with the New Jewish Dance Group, The Fraternal Players, New Century Auditorium, 124 S. 12th St. Saturday evening, June 9, 8:30 sharp. Adm.: Adult $1 (tax incl.)—Youth 65c (tax incl.). Sponsors: Philadelphia Jewish Young Fraternalists.

All blood is red

NEW YORK, N. Y.

We all meet in the brotherhood of pain. All blood is red when shed and when not shed. All men are alike, rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief, in the last great sleep.

Yes, these times are out of joint. The principle that a human life has values and is itself value, that is, that human life is sacred, has been prostituted to the boot-licking worship and adoration of the Almighty Dollar, the Golden Calf of the nations!

Bill Vissaris

THE LAW

TRENTON DEFENSE RESTS

Experts demolish last shreds of case

THE Trenton Six defense rested last Friday, after 77 witnesses had placed all the defendants far from the scene of the crime and after a day and a half of testimony about the "confessions" from noted psychiatrist Dr. Frederic Wertham, consultant to the Senate Crime Commission.

The previous week a bottling company official swore a bottle the police placed in evidence as a murder weapon was in dead storage until 2½ years after the murder. Last week, with the total silence of 95% of the press continuing, this testimony rounded out the picture of the State's case as the super-Scottsboro frame-up the GUARDIAN suggested it was on Oct. 25, 1948:

● New York handwriting expert J. Howard Haring testified "positively" that defendant McKinley Forrest did not write the signature on a key prosecution exhibit—a receipt for the return of a $2 deposit on a mattress, which would have placed Forrest in the store of murdered William Horner the day before the crime. (The victim's common-law wife had testified Forrest signed it in her presence).

● Shown a soda bottle with the initials "McK" written on the label, with which the State contends Forrest struck Horrer, Haring said it was "inconceivable" that Forrest wrote the initials. (Police say he did so in their presence).

● Mrs. Virginia Barclay, white, who lived across from the store and saw three "middle or light-complected" colored men drive off the morning of the crime, said none of the defendants resembled the men she saw who "looked like kids." Shown a photograph of the black Ford sedan police say was the "getaway car," she said the car she saw "didn't look like that at all": it was a blue-green, four-door Plymouth. She added that four months after the crime she had told the same thing to Prosecutor Volpe.

"A MAN HALF DEAD": Two long hypothetical questions were put to psychiatrist Wertham with regard to the only two murder "confessions" now in evidence, those signed by Forrest and Collis English. (Typed "confessions" signed by John MacKenzie, James Thorpe and Ralph Cooper had been ruled inadmissible by Judge Ralph J Smalley; a hand-written "confession" by Cooper putting him inside the store as an observer was allowed in evidence, but it does not implicate him as a participant). The questions consisted of the background and circumstances of Forrest's and English's arrest, detention and questioning as testified to only by State witnesses. Wertham gave the "considered opinion" that neither man signed of his own free will. Of English's condition after 100 hours of almost continual police questioning, Wertham said:

> "It is my opinion that this man was scared out of his wits—in a very literal sense—so he couldn't use them any more."

After examining Forrest's "confession," Wertham said:

> "If I knew nothing else, this signature alone is evidence of an abnormal state of mind . . . written by a man who is half dead."

WILL COPS BE FLUNKED? Wertham described the "confessions" as "induced fiction": the answers were "too pat" and clearly did not come from the defendants "but from other sources":

> "I find it literally impossible to draw the conclusion that this is a true recital of facts of a man of what he has done. . . . If one of my students had prepared this statement to find out what was in this man's mind, I would have flunked him."

Volpe, cross-examining, asked Wertham if he thought the "confessions" were "conceived by the police dept. and these men then signed them." When Wertham said Yes, Volpe asked if he thought the police had done this "deliberately." Wertham replied:

> "No, I don't think it was done deliberately, but on the contrary, haphazardly."

NEW YORK

New cop shooting rouses Brooklyn

DEATH on a Brooklyn street corner and in Korea stirred American Labor Party clubs last week.

Henry Fields, 26-year-old Negro grocery clerk, was driving down Brooklyn's Osborne St. late Saturday afternoon. Eye-witnesses said a child ran in front of his car. He swerved to avoid the child, brushed against another car, stopped, saw no damage, drove on.

A police car chased him, pushed his car to the curb. His front tire blew. Fields came out, hands raised. Patrolman Samuel Applebaum stepped out of the police car and shot Fields through the back of the neck, killing him instantly. Fields left a wife and four children.

THE PEOPLE MOBILIZE: It was the latest in a series of police shootings of Negroes and Puerto Ricans in the city. A crowd of 700 gathered quickly. A boy shouted:

> "Our boys are being killed in Korea and now they're killing us here too."

Police rushed him off to the station. Word spread that the boy was being beaten. The crowd grew angry and was not dispersed until a Negro minister guaranteed the boy's release. Groups gathered all that evening and delegations demanded that the police captain see them. He saw them, but promised no action against the guilty patrolman.

During the week a Committee of One Thousand representing Negro and white in Brownsville was formed. The American Labor Party joined the movement, made police brutality a city-wide issue. The committee had two immediate objectives: 1) public hearing, suspension, arrest and indictment of Patrolman Applebaum for the murder of Henry Fields; 2) indemnity by the city for Fields' family. It urged wa[illegible] of protest letters to Mayor Impellitt[illegible]

ALP, New York

PEACE, PLEASE: ALP clubs went ahead with their state-wide peace poll. Here are the early returns:

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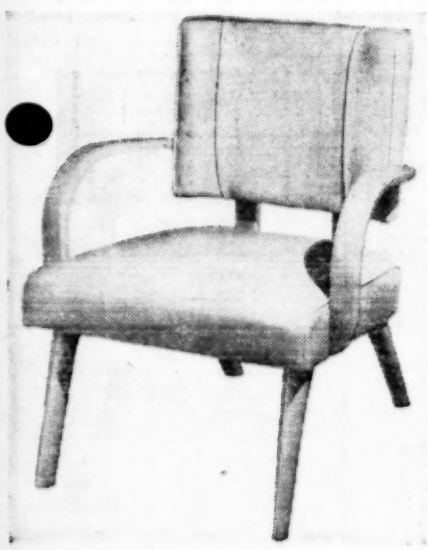

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THOSE who don't send their children to public schools may find it hard to believe Earl Conrad's **The Public School Scandal** (a Liberty Book Club selection). They may suspect this crusading journalist of striking back with more anger than accuracy after an unfortunate personal experience. But parents who must wrestle with problem schools will know a dozen stories to match Conrad's, will share his anger and rejoice that at least a part of the story is being told.

Conrad opens his book with a case history: that of his own son, Mike, a sensitive, likeable child with a talent for painting, tall for his age and too energetic for the confines of a school chair. For some reason, Mike was unable to read at the precise time called for by public school schedules. Reading readiness, educators know, is not a matter of intelligence, nor amiability. Yet Mike's failure to meet the schedule came close to ruining his life.

EARL CONRAD

It provoked in him a terrifying sense of inadequacy, expressed by beating up other children; brought punishments such as long periods under the teacher's desk or in the kindergarten chair, a kind of dunce seat: segregation among the "dumb kids." Driven by the school's demands for more discipline, harassed by notes from teacher and principal, troubled by Mike's deteriorating behavior, the Conrads took to spanking Mike. Then, discovering they had "spanked the wrong person," they tried medical examinations, tussled with the child guidance bureau and the truant officers, took on the whole machinery of mass education.

HOSPITAL ROAD: At last after three years an assistant principal took Mike under his wing, found him aproaching reading readiness, restored his self-confidence and the boy thrived.

The experience left Conrad with a scandal to expose. He visited educators, "educational mechanics," psychiatrists, some of whom would talk only anonymously. To one child psychiatrist Conrad explained:

> "I've been trying to put together a picture of just how the pupils stream out of the schools into the Child Guidance Bureau units and into the hospitals."
>
> The doctor answered: "Just draw a map made up of schools and hospitals—and put lines from each school to the nearest hospitals. That will do the trick."

The picture Conrad paints is of schools across the country that are like factories operating on a rigid production schedule. But despite the heat of his charges, Conrad does not lay all the blame on faulty educational methods, penny-pinching school budgets and uneducated teachers. He sees this particular scandal in the light of other aspects of American life. For example, the segregation of Negro children in the North is practiced not universally or by statute but applied in the main and by virtue of the broader jimcrow that sets up Negro ghettoes. You can't discuss jimcrow in the schools apart from jimcrow everywhere.

LIGHT FROM BANK ST.: Conrad's impassioned survey should stand alongside **Searchlight,** an expose of New York City schools, published by the Teachers Union. A companion piece of a different sort is **Our Children and Our Schools,** by Lucy Sprague Mitchell, chairman of the Bank St. Schools. With sober scholarship the book states the dilemma of U.S. teachers and the principles which should motivate all education; it describes the Bank St. workshops which give public school teachers an insight into new educational methods.

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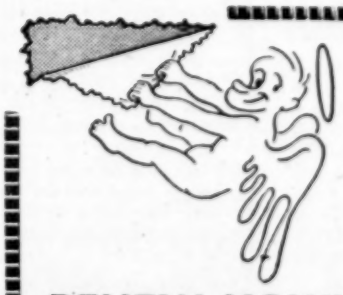

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